

Borough Manifesto

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Education Text

- 12 There needs to be a bookshop opened within the borough as there are none left.
- 14 too have qualified dyslexia trained staff supporting children with special needs
- 19 I personally think more education is sex education there are far too many pregnancies in young people today
- 20 Raising expectations on the level of standards expected, both academic and social for young people Young people having more exposure to opportunities/work experience/mentors/life outside school experiences All schools should be rated good or outstanding with the same entrance criteria unfair that people are excluded from their local school due to faith or lack of.
- 27 attendance at schools
- 28 Pre School education gives children a better start and makes them school ready. This in turn can have a positive effect on their whole school career.
- 29 Maintaining high discipline in classrooms, children to be trained what is right /wrong, respecting elders,
- 32 Improved standards in provision for early years
- 33 to make sure that bullying isn't tolerated in school
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- 36 We need to ensure there is a direct pathway for children into apprenticeships or employment once they leave school or training e.g. More young people moving into apprenticeships and employment
- **39** Gifted and talented children being given the opportunity to push themselves further at school.
- 40 all school children should stay on at school until 20/21 years of age.
- 43 Stop being proud of being one of the worst areas for education in the country. Stop holding people back by providing sloppy education. Stop the vicious circle of poor education, dole for life, death that LBBD seems to be proud of. Give kids a chance by championing grammar schools and allow the brighter kids to excel. Educate children to realise that just because their parents and grandparents supported a labour run borough that they can achieve with a political shift end the if Labour was good enough for my parents and my grandparents. its's good enough for me attitude that is fostered by LBBD.
- 44 I would like to see the borough try as hard as possible to not let our schools end up as academies.
- the need to have support in the class room for those children who require extra support, also the standards of teaching at a high level is important.
- **55** More People getting into Apprenticeships
- 58 Perhaps consider converting one school into a grammar or selective school

- We need really good teachers to come to this Borough. We need extra help for children who are lagging behind but also we need to identify children who are at the other end of the spectrum and are "gifted". These children are often failed by teachers as they see them as disruptive children instead of thinking maybe they are just bored and need extra stimulation. Reports state that we have a very high numbers of children who do not have English as their first language then that needs to be addressed as well. There should be extra funding to get the extra help these children will need. That will also help the teacher to cope better with ALL the children in their class. I think it is essential that every child should have a right to go to the school of their choice. We need to have a good shake up of the whole education system in this Borough.
- stop people getting in the best schools when they don't even live where they say they do
- 67 Racial diversity seems to be an issue within schools, with some being seen by young people as "white" schools or "Asian" etc. This isn't particularly inaccurate, either.
- **72** Less children and more schools After all under Labour 1997 to 20010 is was Education, Education, Education but alas Barking built no new schools
- 74 Making Certain the Kids even go to school, too many roaming the streets, with the excuse `we have been expelled`, it now seems like a badge of Honour for some of them
- 87 class size should be 25 rather than 30 across the schools.
- **91** Less pressure and more support for teachers I'm not a teacher but I have volunteered in my child's school and seen how overworked the staff are.
- 93 More in culture and arts program. Perhaps in music (world music and western music) and arts (to performing and visual).
- **97** More support/better suited support for young people who are at risk of exclusion
- **99** Make sure ALL parents know how important it is to encourage and support their child through school and how important that they attend school daily.
- **102** To have Sustainable teachers, living in affordable accommodation within Barking and Dagenham borough.
- 107 The additional work Teachers perform should be properly recognised and additional payment awarded. Many Teachers continue to work additional hours before and after school and during their own time. Much of this goes totally unnoticed and they are not rewarded for this. Teachers must get additional support with regard to good quality Teaching Assistants. We must stop employing stand in Teachers who are paid far more than regular Teachers impacting on the budgets. Many of these stand in (bank) Teachers are of poor quality. They have no responsibility to work additional hours and are mercenary in their ways costing much more than a regular committed Teacher. THIS PRACTICE LIKE IN THE HEALTH SERVICE MUST STOP NOW.
- Prevention of young people joining bad company by educating the draw backs of drugs and bad company and providing then with the opportunity to learn skills to support their life and family.

- 110 What about education for all? Why is it only young people need education to be good?
- **120** After school activities in sport
- 121 Three things are quite difficult to choose, can excellent outcomes be achieved without excellent teachers, latest equipment etc.
- 123 Selective education? Whilst obviously, a contentious issue, grammar schools can be a key factor in supporting students to prosper and achieve their maximum potential. In view of this, I don't think this should be discounted from consideration.
- 125 Schools in LBBD borough need to be more mindful of bullies and not sweep the problems under the carpet
- **139** Strict discipline and high attendance
- 151 I think all schools should get the same funding regardless of performance, so all primary schools have the same wage structure and the same for all secondary schools. That way teachers will not do training at a school for a certain period and then leave to go to another school in the borough which pays better wages. This in turn would give staff and students stability and continuity.
- 155 Measures to ensure that disruptive pupils are not allowed to hinder the progress of others and plenty of professional support for schools to investigate reasons for disruptive and attention-seeking behaviour. I think there needs to be more attention paid to the mental well-being of pupils, especially when bullying that children now experience is not easy to notice because it can be via social media rather than as a physical presence.
- 158 The key element is for children to be put at the centre of education all too often it is the school, council, or government's reputations that steer decision making, rather than what will enable young people to succeed best in life.
- **163** I don't have children at school so I cannot comment
- **165** More student mentors
- Support for Young carers and those who are struggling outside of school (pastoral care)
- Governing bodies must be encouraged to challenge head teachers more. Governors are not really aware, in many cases, that their input, as individuals, is of paramount importance.
- **181** Additional ARP's for children with more debilitating SEN
- 186 It's important to find the route causes of issues, i.e improved results come about by investment in teachers, equipment and engaging with parents. It's getting parents onside which will really help improve education. Asia is a good example. The kids are no more talented but parents and teachers work together.
- 191 There aren't nearly enough places for the children within LBBD, in LBBD schools. Children are being forced to commute and this is causing terrible strain on them and the transport infrastructure. We need more school places and new schools to accommodate the growth in the borough's population.
- **194** Smaller classroom numbers
- 198 Children being able to attend after school programmes which help with achieving better grades at GCSE and A-Level

- 199 More use of mentor or role models who have had success and who either lived and/or where educated in the Borough. Children and young people aspire to success stories and they remember them.
- 200 How would you define 'Excellent'? what is excellent for one person may not be for another. Would be useful to have Ofsted ratings. Also, class sizes are very important, there should be a mention of that.
- 204 Better discipline.
- 205 more children to be allocated there first choice of school
- **206** Education focused and linked to employment and business young people are taught employment and life skills.
- 218 More sports clubs, sessions and opportunities to be active inside and outside of school
- 224 Having evening classes for working people who want to get a better education
- 228 Options for apprenticeships instead of 6th Form for non-academic people
- **234** Reduced in year mobility
- 238 school attendance and children's attitudes towards schools, teachers, and others
- 242 What does 'Improve standards' mean? Does it mean 'more students with better grades' or 'more students fit to work/do a good job in a company? my view is that we need to aim at making the children fit to work first, by:1. reshaping the subjects they have to study (how does this subject give them a better opportunity to find work, fit in a team, understand the cultural differences in society? Can this subject be replaced with another one that is more appropriate for the future of the UK? I heard the government is looking for highly skilled people in software engineering?) 2. supporting the families towards keeping the children in education and training 3. lots of community work so that the what they study at school is not disconnected from what they are about to experience in life, at work, 4. Civic rights and teaching responsibility towards the community they live in. 5. Internship in companies just to watch what people do at work, when the children are still at school. I think all this can improve the standards, not the ones that we can see in short term with good grades but for the long term with fully responsible and creative individuals ready to contribute efficiently, blend in quickly in a work environment and mindful of the challenges of today's society with a good heart and fresh mind.
- 247 Helping children aspire and reach their full potential. Aspirations are lacking in the borough.
- 255 Discipline in schools the behaviour of most of the school-age children I see around Barking and Dagenham is a disgrace. It doesn't seem to matter which school either uniformed schools seem to be as bad as non-uniformed ones.
- **260** Full access to extracurricular activities i.e. sports/arts/music
- **263** Education is the only way out of poverty
- 270 Meaningful engagement of all children and young people regarding what happens in their schools where they are encouraged to offer ideas and suggestions including the chance to say what's not working. After school clubs that run for more than a six week period if they are to support and recognise that if they are to encourage parents back to work than their child will need the placement throughout the school term.

- **275** More creativity in education
- 276 More support for gifted children. Better after school clubs require more funding. Better meals. Parents are made to feel like they are being awkward if they ask for better service.
- **281** Better behaviour in school. i.e. better discipline.
- 306 Children need to be taught sense of pride in themselves and their borough for there to be any real value in having any of the above. To have the same opportunities to higher education as other wealthier boroughs, regardless of their financial situation.
- 307 Diversity in the education programme is important. There is a lot of focus on the core skills and exam results, but a broad curriculum and willingness to engage with pupils' different ways of learning is important as well.
- 315 More interactive teaching and streamlined (less) paperwork for teachers
- 318 Introducing careers advice before students choose their GCSE options so that they will hopefully be able to realise what their strengths are to help them make the right choices for exams which will lead them to their career of choice
- **322** Simplify the curriculum. Don't add to teacher's workloads
- 323 Easy school access
- Having a brief stint as a School Governor, I firmly believe that Labour controlled LBBD should adopt the Academy culture. Imagine this, building a school in the local community, funded by Google, which invest into the school, their staff, their resources and their vision to develop talent of the future sounds amazing doesn't it? LBBD need to enable their schools to remain their pupils (only through their interests and talents), having the best schools in London and the UK by having great teachers that are happy and secure.
- 326 More things for disabled people and make sure disabled people have places to go as right now there's no clubs or social clubs for disabled people should be something at weekend too
- 333 In fact they are ALL important
- **350** Bullying policies to be enforced wider options for alternative provisions
- **362** good education
- Well funded activities after school eg. Sports Teams representing schools/boroughs etc.
- 367 Provide better support for children who find the mainstream school environment difficult. AND provide better support for children who have learning difficulties but do not reach criteria for additional support.
- 382 Improved travel to schools Vocational subjects
- **411** Have a grammar school or a state primary Islamic school
- 413 More free schools and looking into the options of Grammar schools??
- 416 Treat children as individuals not statistics, value and encourage every child who is doing their best and have rewards evenings / schemes to acknowledge the child who has achieved their personal potential not just single out those who get excellent A-C grades
- **420** Good links to further education, parental involvement, good nurseries

- 423 Some of your categories overlap e.g an excellent school for me is well equipped, has good teachers and get kids to learn and achieve results. So To choose excellent schools is a no brainer!
- 426 Smaller class sizes
- To give less academic pupils an incentive to make the best of their education, they need to be made aware of jobs/trades that they could work towards early on in their secondary school.
- **430** way too many wars between schools.
- **431** More help for the English white boys
- 434 why not have the schools start earlier so they can have breakfast as many children go without
- **438** Teachers should stop down grading students.
- **440** Smaller class sizes, eg no more than 25/28 children
- 442 Ofsted rate the schools as good or outstanding
- Encourage and support: Classes in self development and self understanding. Teach History of Religion chronologically without the dogma attached. Teach Tai Chi as a way to a healthy and disciplined mind and body. Take Religion away from education.
- **451** Access to a school playground our schools seem to have had theirs taken over with buildings
- 454 Before and after school clubs
- 460 I understand that schools are under pressure, but I do think that there is something about better preparing older children for the world of work.
- **474** Extra support for those to whom English is a second language. All schools having before and after school facilities
- 479 Train teachers on how to connect to their pupils, for example by involving them in activities to help build trust and confidence.
- 498 The environment the students/children are taught in also plays a key part in achieving good results. If a school building is under maintained the students/children will not look forward into coming into a cold out dated classroom.
- **511** also access to the nearest school
- The need to make it clear to children that to do well in life, get a good job, they need to study hard, and do lots of work, not just a little.
- 516 no you have not missed nothing I have not ticked any boxes because all are important, as for excellent teachers well they come far and few between and I understand the difficulties they have but a good method of approach with young people would be a good start and the method of teaching and being able to teach...as they say a good teacher would know their student as for the students for they are the teachers and the teachers are the students, both remain to grow and learn not just the subjects but more importantly of themselves....perhaps schools may need to concentrate of young people's development in the world...self.
- 518 As Barking & Dagenham is a diverse borough with many different nationalities there must be provision to give children whose first language is not English extra tuition in spoken and written English.
- 520 Better advice on FE and HE.
- **522** Parental involvement

- **523** Enough schools to accommodate families moving into new accommodation in the borough
- 524 Schools should be excellent throughout the borough instead of one school being top with many pupils trying to get into that one ... drive the standards up borough wide please.
- **527** Provide proper careers advice at year 8 or 9 before GCSE choices are made to help guide students towards making better decisions for their futures
- 528 Limiting primary school class sizes to 25 or less. Making sure children who come to this country with little or no formal education or English language have access to basic language and maths support before entering mainstream schools. This would stop the disruption to classes of children who cannot fully access the curriculum. Surely it would be better that they are educated to a basic level before being thrown into situations where they are frightened and isolated.
- 529 Get teachers to lead by example. polite, well dressed, NOT first out the gates, and most of all smaller classes who speak English. Every child separate classes until they have been taught English. THEN.... EVERY child will get a better start off.
- 539 Create a programme of early years and infant provision that involves the parent and child in a positive experience of schooling that will embed a culture of learning is fun, which will try to ensure a positive experience through to the comprehensive level.
- 541 All children should have a library membership. Academic Education is sometimes not for all. Other options could be put in place for 14-16 year old rather than demanding A-c grades skill up the young people.
- 542 we need additional schools built to meet demand
- **545** Excellent behaviour management. Closer relationships with parents. School and community relations
- Introduce meditation and mindfulness for kids. Too much pressure on academic success, testing etc. Kids are experiencing stress and do not have the skills to deal with it resulting in bad behaviour.
- I went to Eastbrook School and what made it the best experience for me was how the teachers supported the students, and how they would work with us on our difficulties to improve our grades. I managed to improve my grades drastically in just a year and a half and that was thanks to how the school worked as a whole in class and by putting on revision sessions.

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placement. The pathway plan will be a lot shorter for those who want to work as a shop assistant it will focus on CV writing skills at interview how to find a job etc.

- **276** Schools and colleges should be better equipped with all round career advice.
- Young people need to be inspired and have role models to emulate to enable them to have vision for their own futures. Much more emphasis on what is possible to achieve in life that goes far beyond their family background or circumstances. So, more interaction/mentoring with public figures/those that have broken the barriers of living in deprived areas. In short: vision and inspiration
- Going back to my previous comment as Tony Blair said 'Education, Education, Education' and I still believe this stands relevant in today's society. Invest more in Barking Adult College, Havering College and maybe even aspire to have a University set up (bring the East London University back to Barking).
- 362 good houses and good job
- Young people in B&D generally find it difficult to travel to study/work etc, which may be partly historic because in the past B&D was an area with high industry and ample job opportunities. This is no longer the case therefore young people especially need to learn how to commune. B&D also need to offer incentives to businesses to make it attractive for them to bring their businesses and in turn their job opportunities to the borough and more should be done to provide young people and those seeking work coaching on interviews etc.
- 382 Flexible working options Improved/cost effective travel such as cycling
- We need to create an environment where people who aspire and attempt to achieve are celebrated. Young people in particular, and some older people, need to understand that effort and pride in a job well done no matter how 'menial' is important. So much of modern life seems to be about celebrating people who are famous for little else that trivial activities or aberrant behaviour. As well as local successful entrepreneurs and people who rise to leadership positions we should be celebrating the best office cleaner the security guard who is studying for a degree the neighbour who is testing her recipe for 'special hot sauce' at community events the street sweeper whose allotment provides fresh veg for his neighbours etc etc. Let's make our own brand of Barking and Dagenham celebrity status that we can aspire to.
- 423 Not all kids are academic but all should get a decent basic education to read and write then they need choices to college, university, apprenticeships, jobs etc. What they need most is good choices and recognise that one size does not fit all
- 434 I think keeping children in education later is a good idea but wouldn't it be an idea if instead of stating in 6th for or college they should send them to

companies as well as 3 days college and 2 days working in a company then they could say they are worthy of their bursary

- 435 I think we should be able to offer above the apprenticeship wage to those apprentices that live independent. The wage does not allow them to work/study and cover the cost of living. We have lost some good talent over the years where the apprentice has had difficulties in their personal life paying bills# access to benefits and we have not been able to support them.
- 437 My Son having completed 2 years of a plumbing course could not do the third year as he could not get an apprenticeship. There were very few of them available.
- Use out of work people for maintenance work and jobs that need undertaking in the community eg park, amenity areas, street and pathways that councils are not tending too. Ensure the above are paid appropriately. Develop a sense of achievement, self worth and ambition by encouraging people wo work by employing more inspiration advertising and better pay. Provide cheaper rents and taxes for small businesses so that the Conglomerates don't own our high roads. Stop building houses for more and more people so all the above becomes an impossible task due to lack of resources and money.
- 474 Day release to an educational establishment for all apprentices.
- More opportunities for employment for the over 50s and 60s as the retirement age increases and people need to remain at work. This needs to be realistic and the type of work that those with failing health are able to manage. It's not only about young people.
- 523 Apprenticeships should have prospects for full time employment at the end. Not just cheap labour for a year.
- Not everyone has the ability or willingness to go to university therefore opportunities throughout life are important that cover everyone preferred learning method not all can sit in front of a book and absorb some people need hands on to learn. I am a victim of the poor teaching in this borough back in the 70's but despite my local council not offering anything I have still managed to become successful
- 527 All job seekers should be at a minimum of Entry 3 preferably Level 1 to increase their chances of finding sustainable employment
- **528** More affordable relevant courses/qualifications for over 24s.
- 529 Start by cutting jobs not needed on LBBD and change over to on site training of school leavers and of out of work people. Put your money where your mouth is.
- Again, more training for young people who are not academic. Job shops are available but for the needy. Lots of people have past experience not just qualifications and this needs to be put to practice rather than the excuse of retraining!

Income and Employment

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- **30** especially for disable person.
- 43 local jobs for local people, including (and especially) council jobs.
- 48 Asking people what they think from choices is no way to support the objective you need to carry research and make decisions on the evidence obtained
- 98 More control for people live in benefit status
- 101 A decent wage will not allow people to pay market rents and the Council is making the mistake of allowing loads of private renting while the ability to buy is as far away as ever for most people. Part buy is useless to most of our residents as well so they will need a huge income to be able to live in this area at the moment.
- **110** Why stop at a living wage?
- 145 Parents who work locally should be rewarded with flexible working around their childcare
- **154** Earning a decent wage above the living wage
- work locally where's fords, may & bakers, bergers paint, all gone thanks to lbbd.
- 165 Learn social skills
- **181** Support for time honoured older tradesmen who have to take qualifications to enable them to continue in their career.
- 186 A technological revolution will happen over the next 20 years, much bigger than the one we have seen in the last 20. Automation, blockchain and programming, as well as sustainability, will become the normal areas of work. We need to be a Borough that focuses on these areas.
- 191 It is vital that people within LBBD feel they are part of a community that will support them when they are looking for work. There needs to be a re-think in employment for people with disabilities email mental health issues-for long term unemployment and employers who are able and willing to support employees to succeed and not just be stuck in a menial role forever. Jobs have to have a legitimate career trajectory, otherwise we risk greater dissatisfaction and dis-engagement from society.
- special concessions for those who have no choice but to travel out of the area for work as travel costs take up a lot of someone's earnings
- The council offers a 2 weeks intensive course to train unemployed people to learn how to get a job.
- 207 Dagenham as always been good for big companies try to get more big companies to invest in Dagenham again
- 212 i worked for Sanofi for 25 years and there were lots of promises of job creation on the site, none of which really happened to replace the number of jobs lost
- 236 Having residents who are willing to travel outside the borough for employment

- 242 Make it attractive for businesses to come and settle in Barking and Dagenham. We need better infrastructure, safer environment, a business hub to promote new businesses Make lots of publicity for Barking and Dagenham. My husband and I most often hear from our colleagues that Barking is a bad place, with a bad reputation, a place that is not at all attractive. And indeed when you come out of Barking station you feel insecurity, a lot of antisocial behaviour, a rather dirty place, not very welcoming for professionals. When they saw the Arboretum place, they were amazed, they thought it was not as bad. They actually thought it was a posh place to be in. Make it a goal to make X number of companies come to Barking every year. Make this goal for the entire Barking and Dagenham borough. Make it a goal for the entire borough, residents, businesses to make the borough attractive for businesses, big companies, long term businesses. Why not make a low rent for businesses
- 285 Fruition of the council's pledge to give a local station on the BRE at Thames View, to stop that community being isolated when the A13 fails and to improve greater communication with that area and the outside
- 306 To make work pay!
- **307** We live in an age where both parents typically have to work to support a family. Flexible working and good transport links are essential for making this possible.
- **312** Being able to live locally
- **317** Get people who can work, to work & off the benefit merry go round.
- There is a high proportion of people in this Borough who have very limited experience, basic skills and a low level of English who are seeking employment in unskilled, manual jobs so as well as trying to attract jobs for professionals and skilled it would be just as beneficial to bring in some industry through factory production (not warehouse)
- 323 Need more Transport links
- This is very close to my heart, having lived in Barking for the past 5 years and having to commute every day into London via the District Line pains me. Professional people are more likely to live in the North and West parts of London, given the plentiful options available to them to take more than 1 London Underground line home. Get another tube system into Barking but remember, Barking Station is in need of serious repair and modernization so please try to get that right also.
- **382** Job share options
- 412 This was really tough to choose just three; they are all crucial. I was tempted to tick access to childcare in particular that is so important for people who want to work. However, there is another angle to this I would dearly have loved to give up work to care for my children throughout their early years. Though lucky enough to be in a relationship where both of us worked, we could not afford to exist on just one wage. Couldn't we be looking for different, creative solutions here? Would a small subsidy to allow parents to care for their own children be more cost effective that subsidised child care? Could Barking and Dagenham think this through and lead the way?
- **420** Flexibility and childcare are really important as most families cannot survive on one wage with the cost of living and housing as high as it is

- 423 Good transport gives a wider catchment and choice of job opportunity but people need decent wages and some flexibility if they have caring responsibilities . that all means businesses need support to know what makes them attractive and retain staff.
- 427 Affordable childcare. Access to this before and after school hours.
- **434** being able to work locally would save on fares and companies in the area should have more local people working for them
- 445 Affordable childcare. Higher payments for carers. Less tax and insurance for disabled people wanting to work and who can't afford to work. Parking for disabled workers at all stations. Easier parking for disabled car drivers Help small businesses to employ people so that people have a choice not to work for large corporate companies. Improve and increase coach/bus transport links into London so that the unreliable underground becomes a second choice
- **454** Help to get into work or change career
- 521 Opportunities of employment for the over 50s and 60s who need to stay in employment much later and may have been made redundant etc. Breaking down age discrimination in the work place.
- To enable people born and bred and working in this area to be able to afford accommodation instead of having to leave their jobs and move right out of the area in order to afford shelter which is a basic human need
- Barking & Dagenham is only 13 miles from the worlds capital yet no real big business wants to be here, we have the location the issue is our council loves a victim of one sort or another and the borough is full of them would I place my business here?
- 527 Encourage industrial businesses such as factory production to the area as many of those looking for work are unskilled and, if they find work in this field, the salary is low and they cannot afford transport costs so leave the employment
- 528 Having better and more facilities to find jobs. To be able to access quality support for jobseekers.
- MAKE people work by giving them liveable wages. If u can give them that take away benefits and make them work.
- 545 Give people who have large gaps in employment due to valid reasons a chance.
- **546** Encourage employers who offer excellent training and progression and offer London living wage for local people.
- For those who earn a "higher" wage. However, I have seen for myself a family that receives a higher wage due to debt, I feel as though that once people the same age as me from the age of 16 should receive a bursary regardless of amount of money their parents have as they need to get used to having their own pocket of money. Not only that but a lot of parent cannot afford to support their kids other than providing meals.

Health

ID Health Text

- 30 for disable person
- **39** Affordable healthy food offered in shops and supermarkets
- 43 Doctors that you can understand and can write a letter/prescription legibly.
- 48 This objective need to be met on the basis of research and evidence obtained together with best practice not from a list of 1,2 & preferences
- there are too many chicken shops in the area, so many children come out of school and straight into the children shops
- You have failed to mention LBBD itself changing it's working practices e.g. why on Life Skills training do you take young adults to fast-food establishments, sweet shops and other non-healthy establishments?
- **110** improved environment to live and breathe in
- **120** More out of hours sports clubs to encourage healthy children
- People aged 45-55 should be given access to gyms if they feel that they have a health need that they can address without having to go the GP before it is really bad.
- **154** Better care for all in the borough
- 155 Rigorous investigation into the culture of poor standards provided by Barking, Havering & Redbridge University Hospital Trust. Lack of caring by staff appears to be endemic now. Furthermore, this is only exacerbated when the building of new homes in the Borough continues without any apparent thought to the demands the increase in population is having on existing public services which are already over-stretched.
- 158 Community/group based activities that are not necessarily centred on sport can be a good way to get people to indirectly improve health, e.g. dance classes, organised walks, tai-chi in the park.
- **165** More GPs who home visit
- All of the above really. Many of the health conditions that occur in older people can be managed better earlier diabetes being again one. Prevention rather than cure. Also, mental health services aimed at helping people before a crisis as well as adequate crisis prevision is vital
- 174 Not closing down accident and emergency at King George's, Ilford, as queens hospital cannot cope now, it is falling apart.
- 181 Having enough overnight/weekly care facilities available for both young people and adults who are going through a mental health crisis
- track down a jail drug dealers in the borough, stop open air drinking around the Heathway area. stop people buying drugs on the street in downing road as it is riff now
- 186 Let's treat the causes, not the symptoms. Preventative medicine is best. Opening lots of surgeries and hospitals almost encourages poor health.
- 191 There needs to be a cohesive approach to health and well-being. People should have more say in their health and a bigger emphasis upon preventative measures as opposed to people not being listened to by the medical profession and ending up with debilitating illnesses that cannot be rectified after.
- **194** Waiting 3 weeks for a GP appointment is not acceptable

- 198 Although you have mentioned quality open spaces, the spaces available are wasted in local parks where you could put outdoor exercise equipment that could be beneficial to all ages for free
- 199 Reduction of fast food outlets near schools replaced by food outlets that offer food outlets which use healthy cooking methods or just healthy food.
- it is ok promoting healthy living options ie 5 a day but you find these are increased in price making it easier for people to take the less healthy option
- 214 A13 is an atrocious divider between the North & South of the borough. Having moved from Swindon, I would say this area is filthy due to too much industrial activity within close proximity of residential living. Too many bookies I counted 20 Corals within a 5 mile radius and chicken shops!! No family areas to have a decent meal except Nandos
- 218 more opportunities to access health & fitness provision
- Health is ridiculous in the borough I've lived here for nearly 2 years and haven't managed to register at a doctor. My partner has, and the GP is absolutely disgusting, over-crowded. If you work, you don't have a chance at getting an appointment without having to take time off, which is rarely possible. There are no convenient GPs for working people in Barking!!!
- Barking need to redesign its website and make it easier for residents to know about what is going on in the borough. It's difficult to find out what is going on, such as council meetings, event days etc. I love on honey lane and by Chance noticed the Twitter feed at the bottom of the website. I do not use social media, isn't there a better way to inform residents of what is going on? Half the borough are probably pension age or do not he the ability to use a computer/smart phone.
- 236 Cheaper leisure facilities. Having the Council asking football clubs to pay up to £3,000 per year to use below standards grass football pitches and changing facilities is a disgrace. The area is losing a high number of clubs and players due to the spiralling costs. So, the people who were using football to exercise and socialise are now not.
- 238 poor access to GP, keep phoning each day for an appointment with little success
- 242 More space, events, workshops for sport related activities, sport, healthy eating, careers in sport. Make people want to do more sports Make a boxing ring for those young people full of energy and anger to channel their strength into something legal, more positive. At the moment, there is one managed by a pastor to help those in need, but he needs help. Make Barking and Dagenham the face of the future of sports in East London or Essex. Offer possibility for those good at sport to go further, fund their travels to a higher skilled place/organisation, take them to be the pride of Barking and Dagenham, to represent Barking and Dagenham at the next Olympics! It's not a dream and we can achieve it, because there are so many young people in Barking and Dagenham with so much ability waiting to go further and fulfil their dreams.

- Build lanes for bicycles beside the roads. Have Boris bikes for hire Facilities for more sports, different types, dance, boxing, rowing, basket ball Offer free sports and dance classes Have a nutrition stop shop in Barking and Dagenham available every day run by experienced health professionals, nutritionist, nurse with no appointment Sponsor healthy food/eating/recipes in supermarkets/work in conjunction with supermarkets to allow promotion of healthy foods and easy recipes in their stores regularly, people tend to go back to their usual habits if they're not shown new things to try.
- **247** Seeing a GP and preferably the same GP instead of locum doctors
- 260 I wasn't able to tick more than three boxes but I think that pleasant, clean open spaces and local surroundings are very important no-one likes walking past rubbish on dirty streets
- 269 Build a hospital. More and better GPs in Barking and Dagenham
- 276 The parking at Abbey Leisure Centre is too expensive. We should follow suit from Redbridge, where parking is free and as a result the centre is used more.
- 280 Making sure transgender people have access to healthcare
- 306 Better quality GPs who practice preventative medicine. I.e. To respond to early indications by advising and giving support to prevent a full blown version of illness/disease rather than waiting to treat once it's gone beyond treatment. In short: attract better, more dedicated and committed GPs to help people achieve optimum health
- **323** Appointment waiting times currently 2 weeks should be reduced to see the GP.
- I was impressed with the mental health care I received. More awareness is required generally to increase people's knowledge as it's seen as a 'Taboo' to talk about mental illness. Maybe work with the charity 'Mind'? Furthermore, Barking Community Hospital is doing a marvelous job with their out of office GP care but perhaps put a system in place to get the patient's to the right practitioner first (i.e nurse, doctor, care assistant et)
- 326 Need make life better for people that are disabled
- 356 Change the type of shops we have. There are just a large number of chicken shops. These need to be drastically reduced along with the large number of betting shops.
- 357 More local surgeries and doctors required in Barking
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- Limit the number of fast food outlets and offer incentives to businesses to provide healthy options particularly near schools.
- 376 I think ALL parks should have an 'adult gym', 'teenage play equipment' and 'younger child play area'. Also fixed position table tennis tables as this has been proven to help dementia.
- 382 Open space access
- **389** move investments in the NHS

- These don't look like real outcomes, but like some good things we need to do to achieve real success. More importantly, people need to be able to make educated choices. We need: Improved knowledge about prevention greater emphasis on this through education and campaigns Improved knowledge about self care greater emphasis on this through education and campaigns Council lobbying to ensure that pharmacies are valued and rewarded sufficiently for the work they do. Better, constant and consistent sign posting to the most appropriate service when self care and/or the pharmacy is not enough An environment in which walking, cycling and playing is the natural and pleasurable choice to make. There are some ugly and unpleasant spaces in this borough that just don't encourage a healthy way of living! This would take many years, beyond 2035 even, but public competition for makeovers and publicity about the successes could raise our spirits and our levels of optimism.
- 415 Stop manufactures adding any sweetener additives & sugar to food place higher taxes on manufactures with extreme fines on fatty sugary foods enforce labelling laws to know what you're eating refuse planning applications for further fast food fried outlets. Encourage planning permission for healthier fast food shops and juice/ salad bars and fresh fish shops. We are an island encourage reduced outragous costs and fishing boundary laws to make sustainable fish like pollock more readily affordable once poor man's food available on the table and in schools dinner menus with ugly salad veg, fruit bought cheaper not rejected encourage milk and tonnes of water ban sugary drinks from school to improve additive behaviour we didn't have them. To save NHS costs on obesity & soaring diabetes figures.?
- 420 If transport was better there would be less cars and pollutants people's commutes would also be shorter so they would have more time to exercise
- 434 i think being Able to see their GP AT WEEKEND AS MOST SURGERIES ARE CLOSED
- The pressure that is being placed on mental health services needs to be addressed, where services identify issues and problems with clients they are unable to get the correct package of support and care. This has an impact on the individuals, their family, community and service provisions in other areas.
- 445 Stricter restrictions on Supermarkets sale of goods with sugar and dangerous sugar substitutes and other chemicals in food items. Encourage and support more health food shops and organic food sellers into areas. Ensure more British nurses and doctors are trained and supported financially as they used to be. Encourage and support hospitals to use their own staff for cleaning and cooking rather than taking in outside companies. Put in place better/more smoking restrictions in hospital grounds and other public places. Ensure open public places are maintained regularly and develop many more pleasant open spaces.
- We are unable to access both GP services whilst still ill and the waiting times in A&E are deplorable
- **456** Access to GPs is a major issue. Can't get appointments
- 470 Services for alcoholics and drug addicts

- 478 Decrease vehicle emissions by switching off un-necessary roundabout traffic lights outside of rush hour times. There's no point having traffic lights holding traffic up and causing pollution all day when the lights are meant to ease traffic at rush hour. Remove humps from all roads that are not black spot areas. Road humps decrease traffic flow and increase pollution.
- 522 Curriculum in schools in regards to health e.g. healthy food and exercise as a way of life. Continued support to keep teens active once they leave school e.g. reduced gym rates up to age 21 (especially if still in education)
- 524 Stop treating this as a band wagon and target achieving tick box and make it a lifestyle and continuous strategy forever.
- Keeping the age of being able to apply for free/reduced rates in the leisure centres to 60. The leisure centres are too expensive for monthly gym membership compared to other local gyms. Older people need local, affordable ways to exercise. Not to have to travel miles, pay a large amount of wages/pension or have facilities deferred to an older age (I have heard the new age is 66). Putting outside gyms in all parks. Having health walks at all times, not just term times.
- Stop shops selling all the foods pumped up with additives and steroids and supposedly SAVERS lines. This will only ever be done by councils and trading standards and government banning unhealthy foods. over sugared, over salted, FORMED chicken, HAM etc. All foods like this is only food which is supposedly what poor live on but these foods they cost the council and country so much treating the people who have been CAUSED by these foods to be unhealthy. At supermarket check outs look in the trollies of these poor families and see all the SAVERS food they HAVE to live on. How the heck can they live healthily. Ban these goods no excuse for bad health and high health costs if not.
- **539** A programme to tackle loneliness and isolation with a means of support.
- we need to encourage more affordable healthy food shops not just chicken & chips!
- Healthy food to be affordable Supermarkets to give away food then to destroy surplus produce i.e. Fruit and veg Stricter hygiene checks and compulsory hygiene rating for all halal butchers and other food establishments in the borough.
- Mental health walk in centre's. Actively promote reducing mental health stigma. Introduce more walk in centre's and tackle the ridiculous G.P waiting times, it is unacceptable to have to wait 2 weeks for appointments and puts more pressure on our hospitals and a&e and mental health services. Put pressure on supermarkets to make healthy produce/groceries cheaper than the awful processed economy rubbish they promote to struggling families. Restrict the number of fast food restaurants in the borough and encourage affordable healthy eating outlets instead. More education for kids and parents on how to eat healthy without being ripped off by supermarkets. Sports centre prices are out of reach for most people how can we become more active if we can't afford to use them even if we are working
- 547 Better support for local health and wellbeing neighbourhood initiatives to use halls and other community spaces closer where people live

Housing

ID Housing Text

- 27 The preservation of old and inefficient buildings should be stopped. Quality housing could be built 4-5 storeys high on top of shops can provide cheap retail space and housing. We NEED to look at places like Barcelona, where nearly all buildings a 4-5 flats high. We also have to stop our love affair with gardens, not all housing needs a garden!!!
- 58 The borough lacks in terms of "nice" housing areas think of the amount of people who flee to Havering, Chafford Hundred, Southend, Chelmsford, Laindon etc in search of better housing stock
- 91 yes to many over 65 living in big homes and if offered help to move and given the support to downsize
- 72 Stop talking about homes for FAMILIES what about single people? They do not matter it seems but have more to give and take less from the community. Reduce cowboy landlords and sorry to say "lowest of the low" renters who care not one jot for the state of the place that are renting make the area look like a tip.
- 74 Build more Council Housing and less private landlords
- 97 More support for single homeless people who are not priority need
- **99** More housing for single people.
- **101** No mention of traditional council housing at what is called social rents. That is the answer that governments and councils are dodging.
- 118 Chance for younger local residents to be able to access social housing
- **120** Less private renting
- 124 Ensure that facilities are built along with housing rather than the current LBBD mindset of chucking loads of flats and houses in without any shops or leisure facilities to go along with it
- 126 Increased levels of social housing stop selling off council housing and wasting money by then having to re-rent former council properties from people who are rinsing their tenants and the council. End Right to Buy for anyone who has lived at their property less than 10 years challenge central government policy! Current housing policy will not lead to less homeless, it will result in more.
- 131 Reduce the number of private landlords who are ripping people off whilst making them live in squalor. More available council housing.
- Ability to reduce flood houses-one house having too many tenants. This currently causing a lot of insecurity in Rylands estate.
- **138** Given the housing stock in the Borough how about stopping the Right to Buy scheme?
- People who have homes should take pride of their environment and keep the surrounding areas tidy. Human faeces seen on the roads, along Marlborough road as well as dog fouling as well as unwanted clothes on the road both Marlborough and Stonard. What is happening? People leaving their fridges outside in public places. Where housing associations own land and most their tenants are private. The housing association should take responsibility of keeping the land tidy and not let it over grow to allow dog following rubbish

to accumulate. Also, area where the electricity transformers are fenced around the owner of the transformers should ensure the areas are kept tidy (Marlborough Road near Stubbs Mews).

- 148 not taking in anyone from outside the borough and also allowing for people without children that are working
- 151 The current bidding system does not seem to work for most people. Why not go back to the old system which was tried and tested.
- that affordable housing means that local people can afford it, the prices are out of reach to many local people. Council housing should put local people first, those who live and work in the borough should come first.
- **154** Repairs to existing properties.
- 155 There should not be more homes built in the Borough. The public services are already over-stretched. The health sector is not coping adequately with the demand. The police, ambulance and fire service have to try and deal with the increase in population that exists and should not have more pressure put on them. More children than school places will result in an educational crisis. The Borough appears to be filled to bursting point with little or no thought to how the infrastructure is supposed to cope.
- 164 quality homes? all private landlords,
- **165** Stop junk littering the streets
- More council housing is an obvious one but this won't happen with a Tory government. Affordable housing as currently defined is a lie.
- 181 Having a top limit for private sellers to enable first time buyers to be able to afford to buy.
- we don't want more housing to attract people to my borough as it is full up now, we have enough people living here now, as you know population has increased by 20.000 in the last 10 year, quote
- 186 Opening up of brownfield sites and forced sale of land being held by private landlords.
- 191 We are in danger of losing the battle for affordable homes and seeing a great decrease in upkeep of existing stock in social housing. Council and housing association properties should not be sold to private buyers and there should be a clear understanding when people have raised their children etc, that they must downsize and it shouldn't be a sentimental issue. Housing should be on a needs-basis and once the need is over, it must be acceptable for people in larger social housing, to move to smaller flats etc.
- 201 Slowing down of the number of people, coming to this borough, until everyone on the list is housed.
- i would like to see a system whereby model tenants ie those who always pay rent and council tax abide by the rules etc are given the option to move into a new build property if they would like to as opposed to someone on waiting list going straight into a new property
- 206 New homes to have plug in points for electric cars and wifi

- There also needs to be more done to ensure tenants respect and care for the home they have been provided with the Council spends a lot of money on repairing damage caused by tenants and clearing out filthy and verminous properties, yet the root cause of this is not being tackled.
- 211 The proliferation of "beds in sheds" is very concerning and affects those living nearby with increased noise, traffic, cooking smells, people movements etc. All this lowers the quality of the neighbourhood and hence residents living standards as well as reducing value of existing homes. People are obtaining planning permission under false pretences by gaining permission for "Gyms, playrooms", etc and then installing tenants. More family homes may help to reduce this problem.
- We do not want an area that is gentrified like Tower Hamlets. We want an area where all residents are treated as equals and can all afford a home when they are grown.
- 226 More chances for young people to move into affordable housing after the age of 18 and not having to rely on housing benefit (which is only offered to those aged 25+)
- 228 LBBD should develop own housing or take a high percentage of profit from contracted building. Don't let companies take the profit from the council.
- 230 Buy to let has ruined the Borough. There is no incentive for the tenants to maintain front gardens and private rented accommodation looks tatty and dirty.
- 231 stricter controls and checks on rented property to prevent multiple occupied properties where not licenced Also to stop businesses being run from these properties
- 238 stop building cheap housing, and selling on overpriced, stop building small shoe boxes to live in
- **244** Build more homes for elderly people in quiet areas.
- **255** A clampdown on multi-occupancy homes
- **260** cracking down on illegal living conditions and multiple occupancy
- 281 Stop building countless number of homes for the benefit of people from outside the borough until you can maintain the infer structure for what you already have.
- When I mean affordable housing is housing that people of low wages can afford. This gives them the security to look for better paid jobs.
- More social housing is desperately needed. affordable doesn't actually mean affordable for most working class people in lbbd.
- 324 The Streets could be cleaned as there never seems to be a street cleaner in the area at all.
- Here I go again, I reside in a LBBD Reside property, and having fought over the years with the Council's Housing Options department, I can say that having been satisfied that my property is new and spacious, it's value for money, but still bloody expensive. Make properties affordable.
- 327 affordable home that LOCAL people can afford on average wages not city workers wages

- A large proportion of council housing stock was built pre-1950 and is therefore not designed for 21st century living. When updates are undertaking e.g. Heating upgrades, windows etc., these sometime cause other problems because the structure of the houses are not meant for this and so causes damp, condensation, access issues etc. Better consideration needs to be given to this in future modernisations. The bidding system needs to truly reflect the number of empty/available properties in the borough which it does not currently do and priority housing needs to be properly investigated as this is often abused.
- 376 Stop allowing private landlords to divide up homes into bedsits. So many houses are now not standard family homes with 3-7 people but mini hotels with upto 20+ people. Stop building in every little space behind homes in older areas such as old garage site for instance (this is unfair on current residents). But continue to expand areas like Riverside, or old factory sites.
- 378 More social housing.
- 382 Better infrastructure Improved travel Reduced car ownership
- 412 High quality homes at genuinely affordable prices please. Could we also consider support for self builders? I recognise that the government ties local councils' hands on many of these issues, perhaps especially housing, but I would like to see this borough do something inspirational, radical and life changing for its residents. Let's lead the way.
- 415 Well thought out planning retain existing character street scope stop building a modern contemporary buildings in the middle of old villages redeveloped and enhance existing buildings. Build social housing with more space less crowding with community benches shops doctors and schools with a through drainage survey conducted, place tighter laws on shoddy new builds by developers put more fit equipment in parks and up keep them to encourage outside activity away from the TV?
- **418** The cleanliness of the borough and people maintaining their gardens to a high standard is important
- **420** We need to build more council houses
- 423 Private rented sector is inflating house prices since it makes sense to invest to buy to let to make money. LBBD has to produce more affordable starter homes and end of life homes so those who wish to downsize can and free up family homes. All homes need to be warm and efficient whether council or private but there should be strong sanctions on private landlords to offer long leases and maintain their homes. But LBBD must stop family homes becoming HMOs too and building in gardens
- 426 Local homes for local people, affordable homes for young people so they do not have to stay with their parents or move out of the borough
- 427 Councils should be given the authority to be able to take over empty properties that have been left to deteriorate and put them to good use.
- **431** Giving priority to residents who have lived in the area for at least 2 years
- 434 THE COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE MORE HOMES FOR THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE BOROUGH THE IDEA OF A COUNCIL HOUSE IS IF YOU ARE ON A LOW INCOME IF PEOPLE ARE ON 30,000 A YEAR THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE A COUNCIL HOUSE THEY SHOULD HAVE THEIR OWN

- It would be great to have a private market that is not led by profit but by the desire of providing good quality decent homes. I like the idea of the living rent that the Mayor has raised maybe the LA can introduce its own scheme by celebrating good landlords?
- 445 Ensure Council's Housing departments to be more co-operative and communicative with residents, especially disabled residents. More refurbishment of unkempt, unused. areas built in the 50's so that more people can have pride in where they live. More enforced laws on privately rented properties by absentee landlords- to be maintained so areas don't become slum areas as many have. Stop huge numbers of properties from being bought by landlords. Bring back opportunities for 100% mortgages from councils.
- 452 Build more council housing
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- 459 Either some sort of crackdown on greedy private landlords, or an increase in Housing Benefit rates, which have remained unchanged since 2010, despite the huge increase in rents in the private sector. I'm renting a small 3rd floor flat with two young children, and despite earning a reasonable wage I can't afford anything more suitable. The council's LHA is £192 per week for a 2 bed property a small 2 bed house in my street is around £300 per week.
- 469 Have enough parking space for the huge number of buildings you plan to build. You can build a parking blocks with several floors for parking with a reasonable fare for residents.
- 471 If you were born in the borough and have lived there all your, 28 years, you should get priority to get a council property rather than someone just coming to the country and getting one. Why isn't being homeless in this borough enough of a priority if you're a male?
- 515 To check on council tenants that they still are eligible to stay in council homes. I would say that a lot of tenants could afford to buy or rent in the private sector. Give the council homes to local people who have lived here for at least 15 years, and who can't afford to rent or buy privately at the moment. Also, not to give homes to people who won't work.
- **520** An end to loft extensions and "beds in sheds"
- 522 Encourage landlords to clean up the outside areas of their properties albeit single dwelling or multiplex. There are areas within the borough that look atrocious due to landlords not keeping the surrounding areas tidy e.g. cutting back trees and bushes, increasing lighting, clearing rubbish.
- To enable people born and bred and working in this area to be able to afford accommodation instead of having to leave their jobs and move right out of the area in order to afford shelter which is a basic human need.
- 524 Stop moaning about the right to buy scheme, build houses for local people not landlords, the current builds are awful and drab keep building cheap tat and we will end up with the UK poorest people in most need and the borough stuck in the mire as it has been by the labour council for 50+ years
- **528** Less overcrowding of the borough! Use already existing buildings like offices or warehouse sites to convert. Stop using green spaces and playing fields.

- Make rentals price manageable. Stop more population in lbbd. we are at saturation point. IT IS ENTIRELY THE LBBD 's fault. You have let the crisis happen,... now make a stand and stop and get a good life for the population we have now and no more people be allowed in lbbd until u give all of us a decent and healthy and prosperous home and life again.
- I think it is disgraceful that the decants get priority and given £5000 to move because you want to build a better look of properties this could have been a slower process all you care about is the money in your pockets the younger generation have no hope of succeeding in the future and it's all down to the year
- Taking circumstances into account rather than a number on a bidding list. My children share a room, they are a 16 year old young man and 20 year old woman, after being on the bidding list for 15 years.
- **542** petition government to stop right to buy
- 545 Stop people letting out rooms in garden. Total joke on harpour rd.
- More Social housing with an affordable rent for long term residents. Incentives for relocating from larger property to smaller one more social rent smaller properties. Help for young residents who are forced to live with parents because of extortionate rents, the borough affordable rent is not affordable to most people this council needs to wake up and make sure no one is left behind, realistic schemes to help young residents become more independent and have access to their own homes. Help the homeless now, being told you do not meet the criteria and can sleep on street is insulting, degrading and potentially life threatening. No more excuses about austerity and cut backs, we all know about that, find a solution and help the homeless and most vulnerable in our borough before it's too late.

Environment

ID Environment Text

- 12 Removal of non functioning vehicles sitting on driveways
- 16 CLEANING THE STREETS IS CRITICAL
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- 19 get rid of most of the charity shops and the pound shops and install stores that people want. with the charity stores you can donate the clothes and bric a brac to the food bank, let them sell the items direct and make a few bob to buy more cans for the needy
- 27 Street safety!!!! people are not going to go out to enjoy all these things unless they feel safe to do so
- 44 Meadows and wildlife/natural corridors. Maintain/improve nature reserves. Environmentally friendly gardening all around the borough.
- **48** "Safe clean and attractive is so wide an objective and the list omits anything to do with crime this question needs more work
- 61 fine people for spitting on the floor
- 73 Building too many properties and not enough parking
- **76** Building too many properties and not enough parking
- 93 More environmentally friendly. The borough lacks greens especially on the road sides. Different boroughs in London have trees lined up in roads or streets. If this green side of the borough will be implemented, perhaps there will be more investment from different sectors will come. I would really like to stress that Dagenham needs more trees or greens to be planted, it will be a good image and investment for the future, financially, economically and socially.
- **99** More trees and keep all greens cut regularly
- **110** more local policing
- 111 Gardens should be cleaned to a good standard if not should be fined. Stop everything being around Barking Town Centre more money needs to be put into Dagenham side of the borough.
- **120** Make people keep their property and fronts clean and tidy
- 123 The atmosphere in the Town Centre, particularly by the station in the evening, can be very unpleasant. It is hard to say how this is best managed, as it isn't necessarily due to people committing an offence or disturbance that would warrant the attention of the Police. In my opinion this general atmosphere is created by low-level antisocial behaviour from a minority of individuals. This is a very important and serious issue, as any aspiration to offer bars, restaurants and cultural venues to attract business will be threatened by the current situation. Barking has a lot to offer, but my concern is that people will feel deterred from coming, as it can be blighted by such behaviour.
- 124 Stop being so draconian with business rates- many good shops were lost in Barking Town Centre due to rent increases leading to lots of fried chicken shops and bookmakers. Totally unattractive to visit. The council should think further ahead than their bottom line and ensure the town centres have a mix of shops and outlets for all.
- **131** More evening entertainment would be good.

- 133 Renovating current parks and doing speedy repairs especially beam park almost all equipment that has been damaged has been removed, no replacements therefore nothing for the kids to play
- 144 Developing pride should be in everything to combine across multiple sectors
- 145 Decent clean cafes with high standards of hygiene for lunch times as well as evenings
- 148 Also putting a stop to fly tipping in the borough and making parks more dog friendly
- **154** Cultural again means what?
- The provision of recycling for residents should be across the whole Borough so that all estates have the opportunity to have their recyclable waste collected separately. The Borough's website does not mention that there are parts of the Borough where the recycling service is not provided to residents. Providing the bins and collecting the waste accordingly seems such a simple thing for a Council to achieve, but seems to be eluding this one.
- **158** Agree with all of the above!
- More recycling and let local people clean parks by setting up local groups rather than just volunteers
- We desperately need more bins and for people to respect the area more. We need more restaurants and less chicken shops, gambling establishments and money lenders. No more pound shops! The councils need to seriously address this or we only support poverty and debt
- 171 There needs to be more control and enforcement of the fly tipping laws the streets around the borough are disgusting with litter being dumped on street corners and at gated entrance to private alleys
- Having lived in the borough all my life, I am appalled at the rubbish everywhere. It used to be clean, now look at it. Rubbish on pavements, rubbish in the gardens. Cannot wait to move out, to somewhere, where people take pride. Barking and Dagenham is the pits.
- 177 The Borough is filthy, rubbish abandoned on street corners, no attraction to outside visitors. Shopkeepers also create a lot of rubbish. Fly tipping should be the Borough's top concern. I believe this problem stems from the Borough's introduction of fees. This is not so prevalent in neighbouring boroughs, where a free collection service is available by up to 3 items.
- **181** Ensure the pavements, roads and shrubbery are maintained cleaned.
- 183 To employ road sweepers, because there clearly isn't any because the borough is like a rubbish tip!!!!
- put out a drug patrol around the borough and stop drug dealers, I see many times deals going down just walking to the shops in the heathway, where the street wardens or the community police, never see them any more
- 186 Encourage sustainable energy companies to locate in the Borough and resultant employment and educational links will lead to residents becoming more environmentally conscious.
- 191 Residents should be encouraged to recycle and reuse more. There should be stricter penalties for littering and fast food outlets must pay a premium towards the upkeep of street cleaning because their packaging is a significant environmental issue.

- The Parks and streets are now worse than ever for rubbish. A lot of People do not respect where they live and don't use the rubbish bins provided. I work for the parks department and we can spend most of day just picking up litter and fly tips and don't have the time and staff to carry out proper horticulture work.
- 199 The streets in Dagenham are getting worse with litter. I want to see this improved rapidly as it is making me want to move out of this Borough and I never used to feel like that.
- residents should be encouraged to take more pride in their front gardens, I am sure this is in tenants handbook but is never enforced
- 206 create a zone like Bicester village to attract people from all over the UK to come and spend money in the borough
- 212 i live close to the beam valley country park and it is so poorly maintained that a lot of the pathways cannot be accessed unlike the parks under Havering council across the river which are immaculate
- 214 Industrial areas should be banned from the Renwick Road area and use River Road instead. The fumes are lethal!
- 222 Barking high street is absolutely filthy, and I'm adamant it's directly correlated to the opening of several betting shops. Of a night, these men congregate outside with beer cans/take away boxes/etc and are genuinely anti social people, I have to zig zag across the road to avoid each betting shop and their crowd so I don't have to endure their sexual remarks, feel unsafe, or BE FOLLOWED HOME. Of a morning, when they've dispersed, it's absolutely disgusting in these same areas. Stinks of urine, loads of empty cans etc and general rubbish. It has gotten SO much worse in the last 3 years I don't blame nice local businesses (restaurants, bars, whatever) for not wanting to open on the high street when you have that to contend with, I barely want to walk down it and I live there!!
- 226 Holding more activities and day for residents to get to know other residents and their wards MP.
- the borough is dirty and to many fast food shops, to many places of worship, to many places for yobs to hang out on the street
- 242 Please, please, remove all these betting companies that attract only the wrong crowd and encourage crimes, drunkeness, etc. on the main road, main place. It is giving Barking a negative image and causes a lot of trouble. Make it multicultural. Create a hall for wedding and events hosting place. There is a huge demand especially from communities from India, Middle East, Eastern Europe. Indian people celebrate very often and currently have to go to Ilford or East ham for such a place. They are a strong target audience with a lot money to spend on such events.
- 244 Safer path from the hotels area behind the park all the way to the station to protect visitors Planting more trees Put more lights at night on the streets Escalators at Barking station
- 247 Attracting families to Barking Town Centre. Family restaurants, cinema, decent shops.
- 255 Severe penalties for fly tipping! The borough is a disgrace this problem has increased massively in the last couple of years and is now totally out of control.

- **260** better quality shops with more household names this borough suffers greatly in comparison with Romford and Ilford town centres
- 276 The pavements and roads are ridiculous. They are extremely dangerous with pot holes and uneven paving. Wasting money on testing dog poo is a joke this money should invested in maintaining our parks, local gardens and playgrounds.
- 277 Protect local architecture by introducing more conservation areas (for example the interesting architecture along Longbridge Road) rather than knocking down beautiful buildings that could attract people to the area (the Odeon)
- 280 Avoid utilising plastic bags, less consumption of electrical use
- An intermediate station at Thames View on the BRE, with a bridge taking the line to connect with south London rail services.
- 290 If there were better restaurants and cafes in shopping areas this would encourage people to socialise and it creates a more welcoming environment. Re-introduce bulk waste collections would be a better idea as the level of fly-tipping is getting ridiculous.
- 306 High quality social facilities for older people Same for teenagers to give both something to look forward to, enjoy and ultimately create more pride in borough Better control of environmental issues: rats are in abundance in our streets More accountability required from takeaways/restaurants on air pollution and street pollution Refuse/street cleaners better trained to take pride in work and report fly tipping in areas they're working in and not just ignore!
- 318 Crack down on fly tipping would be a start. Make it easier to book a bulky waste collection as this is not available on line. I tried 3 times to book this over the phone and gave up after 45 mins on hold each time and found an alternative method.
- 323 Need riverside equivalent to Twickenham river side...amazing
- Barking had become extremely overcrowded and Barking Station and the High Street are definitely not safe places to be around in the evening, even as early as 8pm, it does not feel safe. I have lived in the borough for 16 years and I have definitely seen a decline in the area. People seem to have no respect or value the area or each other, which is nothing like when I first moved there. I have two children and Barking does not feel like a safe place for them to grow up in. Barking was once a very nice place to live but unfortunately due to over crowdedness it has become a very undesirable place to live and with more houses going up, I just see more of the same for the coming years! Which is such a shame!
- 348 Dagenham is a tip and the pavements i walk are in such a poor state. peoples house frontage too is often disgusting
- 356 I think a reduction in the type of shops that are in the area. Specifically chicken shops and betting shops.
- 359 Educate the general public to not drop litter and fly tip. Prevent people from paving over their front gardens (often without permission). Remove graffiti and dogs mess from borough and fine people to discourage. Make the borough more attractive to wildlife by safeguarding green spaces.

- I live near Barking town centre and there are no recycling facilities that I have seen in the wider area. Tesco Extra have glass and newspaper recycling but unlike neighbouring Newham, there are no bins placed on the streets. I have to walk to Burges Park (in the Newham borough) to do my recycling. I think this is something you are definitely missing and need to improve on. You should provide the same style bins as Newham Borough does in central places.
- Instil a greater sense of ownership in employees so that they feel responsible enough to do their job well and properly (they should already have this but do not, as they are public servants). E.g. Dustman pick up other rubbish they see in the streets without the need to make special journeys back to do so. This would save on fuel and paying additional wages. Ensure borough employees answer questions and queries from residents such as returning phone calls, answering emails etc.
- 371 Having lived in the borough for over sixty years, I now find it dirty, with litter everywhere. Household items are in front gardens and residents take no pride in their surroundings. I am ashamed to live here and people to visit.
- **376** All of the above are important, and should all be done
- 377 Not allowing residents dump rubbish in their gardens for months, sometimes years on end.
- 378 LBBD waste and recycling services are currently not fit for purpose. It is not surprising that our borough sends such material amounts of waste to landfill. The council has failed to provide any kind of doorstep recycling to a significant number of households in the borough which in London in 2016 is totally unacceptable. In my experience, staff in the waste and recycling department at LBBD are consistently lazy and incompetent. This aspect of LBBD services needs a root and branch overhaul. For professional residents, waste and recycling, including street cleaning are the main council services which they need to access. It is disappointing that these currently represent such poor value for money. A huge priority to sort out this complete debacle.
- 382 Local reuse options such as freecycle
- 389 better cycle lanes and free of cars parking on them
- 411 The town centre is crammed with buses and ideally it would be better to have environmental friendly buses. The roads cleaned regularly so that when it rains there are no puddles, especially on London road and broadway
- 412 All crucial.
- 413 More upmarket shops and outlets within the borough
- 415 Encourage pride the in bloom projects! Maintain streets seriously fine fly tipping encourage riverside access like the old rain ham beaches get outside lifts back in the parks like Leys create vibrant town centres encourage recycling
- 420 If there were more bars and restaurants that were nice people would be encouraged to spend money locally. More culture would be great. Maybe people could be incentivised to look after the area better, pick up litter, community gardens more groups and clubs?
- **423** People need open green space for play and letting off steam and not to fly tip. We need to take pride in our borough and make it welcoming

- 427 Limit the cheap drink, late night bars and increase the number of family orientated venues. Low rates given for empty shops to small start up businesses. Not trashy shops, but hand made jewellery, artists etc.
- 434 INSTEAD OF STOPPING THE GREEN BIN COLLECTION AND THE RECYCLED BIN SHOULD BE EVERY WEEK
- I think all of the above are extremely important for the future of this borough and is achievable. It would be great to see a blue plaque program or the boroughs own program. There could then be a trail or different trails around the borough. Investment in the parks is also important as this builds on the pride of the residents, again it could be linked above. The most disappointing thing about Barking and Dagenham is the lack of night life in the borough, and this is the one thing that really sets it apart from the rest of London. Not necessarily nightclubs, but cinema, restaurants, nice bars would start to make the borough more attractive
- 437 Cannot choose between Safe, attractive parks with well maintained equipment or Bars, restaurants and cultural venues.
- 439 Less take away food shops
- 442 Better cycling infrastructure. Extend congestion charge to deter people from using their car so much the number of cars with just one person travelling and no passengers is huge. We need to tackle pollution from cars. London City Airport have recently introduced concentrated flight paths affecting communities in LBBD. The council should lobby LCA & government to disperse flights and not concentrate them, which blights communities in LBBD with noise and pollution.
- **444** Empty houses and flats within the borough can be rented from owners by the borough to house families on waiting list for housing.
- 445 Stop town centres from becoming no go areas at night by having police and security in view. Stop drunks and tramps from gathering in towns. More community events and music 'every where' outside.
- 450 cinema
- 451 This one is a joke considering we are now going to be deprived of the green bin collection this borough looks like everywhere has been fly tipped
- **470** Barking shopping area is awful, unwelcoming, poor shops, no decent restaurants or pubs or social places. In the evening lots of groups of men hanging around, feels unsafe
- 471 There isn't a community in this borough anymore, that has been worn away over 15 years
- 496 Brighter streets and visual walking wardens like community police but with more powers than they had before. Not sure if the community police still exist.
- You must invest to attract people to want to stay in the borough and spend their money here and not go to another area of London. The parks are a disgrace, and castle green open space is now a no go zone to my pet dog and children due to the high levels of litter and broken glass there.
- **520** Greater enforcement against fly-tipping with prosecutions against offenders. Do not allow developers, who have no knowledge of, or thought for this Borough

- 521 Increase a sense of community. This has been lost and many people do not know who their neighbours are so in a crisis there is no support available from anyone.
- 524 Stop the pound shops, stop the cheap tat shops, attract bug business i.e. M&S, Debenhams, Next etc, stop the parking charge greed, actually put equipment into the parks, Barking & Dagenham is a transient nomad borough no one stays because there are no reasons to stay our council spend too much time moaning about government cut backs and patting themselves on the back and not challenging council officers enough in my view plus we now have very weak councillors who represent the labour party and not the residents
- Review the traffic system as it's a nightmare trying to get into and out of the Borough. What with one way systems, bus lanes, zebra crossings painted 2 car lengths from roundabouts, traffic lights which completely impede flow of traffic (and that's just Barking) it needs serious addressing. As much as it's a wonderful idea to promote walking, cycling and public transport you're never going to stop people using their cars
- Develop better community recycling projects e.g. give and take days, being able to buy tested/checked electrical goods and furniture etc at recycling centres. More access to affordable recycled bicycles access the borough. More community centres, not just bars. Develop the Becontree shopping area.
- 529 All we want is SAFETY .. CLEAN AIR AND SURROUNDINGS.. RESPECT AND POLITENESS ... GOOD COUNCIL PERSONNEL RUNNING COUNCIL FOR THE PEOPLE ... GOOD TEACHERS TEACHING HEALTHY LIVING ...ACCESSIBLE DOCTORS GIVING HEALTH SERVICES.
- 537 More supermarkets which are accessible by the elderly and disabled, such as that planned at the old Sanofi site which was cancelled. We have nothing here for elderly to shop without getting on s bus or difficult terrain.
- There is no community anymore if people say hello in the street I think they are being weird where has the good morning etc gone?
- **542** regenerate barking town centre, dagenham heathway and the area around becontree heath leisure centre
- Parking thought through, reduce the zone size. Also certain people who have left home still apply for permits at family home. More parking for residents
- More help for people who cannot access the refuse/recycling sites if they have no vehicle. Tackle excessive packaging in supermarkets, why is it cheaper to buy more of something than in smaller portions? ends up wasted in the bin/Landfill. It seems that the symptoms are being treated instead of the cause. Tackle the problem at source instead of penalising residents for an overflowing bin.
- Our streets are very dirty. And because of that, people don't take pride in their borough and also don't have respect for the borough. On top of this increases the feeling of a very UNSAFE neighbourhood!

Crime

ID Crime Text

- **6** Stop groups of people hanging around residential areas that they do not live in.
- 27 Its the low level crime, like bag snatching and begging that keep people from visiting places like Barking town centre
- **43** Get the police to actually police the borough and prosecute 'real' criminals to the full extent of the law.
- **48** The list above is poorly drafted it obvious we want reduced crime rates need to do research and make decisions on evidence
- **65** Cycling on pavements
- 72 Take reports seriously and not pretend to do something about it when you are not. Also if you have a no drink zone why are you never enforcing it? ??
- 74 More Police on the ground patrolling, not just fast cars and `Hobby Bobbys`"
- 93 Clubs within the borough will improve social behaviour within the community. Music clubs, Art clubs, LGBT clubs, Senior citizen clubs? If there are already clubs existing within the borugh, why not improve it commercially and more accessible to the locals?
- We have drug dealers down the road but the police want us to snitch on them when they've seen us. Ridiculous, then when we get a brick through the window, then what? We have drag racers that have become so confident they do it almost every weekend for over an hour, not one siren will be heard. Are there no tactical teams in the borough to tackle thisï¹¼Ÿ
- **99** Actually listen to residents' concerns
- **120** Come down hard on those carrying an offensive weapon
- As per the previous question, crime and anti-social behaviour can spoil any potential that an area may have. Whilst there is a clear distinction between actual crime and people's fear of crime the outcome and impact are very similar, and this needs to be taken seriously.
- 131 Crime in this borough is a major problem not enough is being done to stop it. There is too much softly softly approach you need to deal with the gangs. I am in a position where my own son has been the victim of crime 3 times and the perpetrators are still out there hurting more innocent people.
- **133** Would be good to reduce mass migration that is not accounted for.
- Sometimes it is the little things that cause disagreements in neighbour hoods
 Dog fouling, rubbish left in public areas it is disrespectful to the people who have lived in the area and kept It tidy. Behaviour change needed more bill boards displaying signs of keeping Barking and Dagenham Tidy
- **154** Answer telephone calls at weekends on noise nuisance
- 155 A higher number of fully-trained police officers. This will assist in crime prevention and the escalation in crime level rather than having so few officers that emergency situations can be the only crime response.
- 161 More youth centres for young kids of today as years ago you did not hear a crime but now says you hear it all the time
- 165 Name and shame by showing pictures of these persons on billboards. Show them we mean business.

- **169** Make crime less attractive by improving prospects for those who are tempted
- **172** none
- 174 The police taking action when you report this sort of crime. Not three hours later when the criminals have gone
- 184 More monitoring of areas of anti social behaviour be it for vandalism, fly tipping, dog fouling or nuisance etc.
- 185 no good just sending out a letter to these ignorant people just move them out the borough. Set up a drug patrol around the heathway and downing road drug deals happening all the time
- **186** More police and surveillance.
- 188 There needs to be more support for people in the community that feel threatened / intimidated by groups of youths, young people that think that they can move in and frighten the residents.
- 191 We hardly ever see a police presence within the borough and this is a cause for great concern. When you see large gangs of youths and 20+ adults congregating outside the main station on a Friday night, openly drinking alcohol and smoking skunk-with no fear of police reprisals-it makes residents feel unsafe.
- 203 why is nothing being done about choats roads which is used as a drag strip and raceway at night especially weekends are the police and council scared to go down there and put a dispersal area up thurrock council did it thats why they come here
- 206 by 2035 we need the following: general thoughts 1. power sockets in and around the borough to power up electric cars 2. A digital hub that provides instant solutions to problems 3. the whole borough has wifi connection 4. Parks become a destination like an award winning wedding venue 5. A super school specialising in digital 6. The next facebook / wats app is developed by a borough resident 7. A drvierless car developed in the borough 8. meals and wheels delivered by drones
- 212 greater visibility of police
- 222 Consider the implications of betting shops and the men that crowd outside them is it pleasant for women in the borough to face daily misogyny, feel scared for our safety daily, and be followed home? If I reported every incident where a male has made me feel scared in Barking, I'd be calling the police *daily*. Please can you look into crowds on the highstreet, what they say to women and how they behave? Work on dispersing them, provide a number where women can text to inform you as they are ALWAYS in the same places (outside the train station, outside the betting shops MAINLY, in the doorway of the super drug when the shutters are down, at the bus stop alley by JD sports, the pink benches outside ASDA) so I refuse to believe the police aren't aware of them. PLEASE do something to prevent the DAILY ABUSE OF WOMEN IN YOUR BOROUGH.
- 226 Giving more support to both victims and criminals.
- 238 getting the police to do their job, get rid of trouble makers, respond proactively to antisocial behaviour, act quickly showing results and not dragging heals
- 244 Tackle gangs
- 280 Use more DNA evidence, help ex-criminals find living wage employment, monitor surveillance cameras.

- 281 Make punishment fit the crime. At present it is not hard enough and offenders are treated with kid gloves
- **285** Re establish Community Police stations
- 306 Much More neighbourhood interaction /community spirit with local police so that any ASBO's can be nipped in the bud. Also so that residents can air fears such as drug dealing on their streets etc
- There are many interventions that can reduce re-offending rates. Although these will have an upfront cost, the money will come back to the borough eventually through the individual's contribution to the borough and not having to pay for re-incarceration.
- 323 Less burglary
- 324 I think more police should be seen around Barking Station and the High Street area.
- 356 I think again, the shops the area has breeds certain behaviours. The area needs a large reduction in chicken shops and betting shops.
- **371** Never see police walking or driving around.
- 382 Higher repercussion for offenders
- **397** making landlords responsible for the antisocial behaviour of their tenants e.g throwing rubbish out on the streets
- 411 Install more cctv to residential apartments and streets.
- 412 Greater understanding of people's fear of crime should go without saying. The council and partners should be able to react quickly when incidents occur and neighbourhood rumours and social media posts immediately conclude that a particular incident 'proves' that this borough, and the whole world, is going to hell in a handbasket. We need to understand the context of crimes, and the actual level of risk to us and our loved ones.
- **420** There has to be an alternative to crime not just punishment. Drink gas need to be tackled
- 423 Again the reduced crime is a catch all category covering everything else but most people want the small anti social behaviour stopped before it escalates into something bigger and nastier. They want to feel safe.
- Punishment to fit the crime. No cautions. Employ disabled ex-servicemen to give three months army training as a minimum for first crime.
- **431** Evict people with anti-social behaviour out of the borough 2 strikes and you're out policy
- 434 GET MORE COPPERS ON FOOT PATROLS AND GET THOSE SILLY POLICE SHOPS OPEN LONGER or get people to volunteer ALL THEY NEED TO DO IF SOME ONE COMES IN LOG ON TAKE DETAILS SEND TO POLICE STATION AND GIVE THEM A REFERENCE NO
- 437 Again I am split between strong action taken against those who commit antisocial behaviour and supporting those who offend to not re-offend. If the support worked, I would prefer that, but this does not seen to be working anymore sadly.
- 439 More police/park wardens
- People evaluated better in 'Care in the Community. Mental homes re-opened for people that are known to have violent tendencies. Ensure the person arrested and who is found guilty is actually put in prison. More teenage clubs need to be developed as they were in the 60's. More police and more support from the government for the police. In Satelite areas access offices

to intermediate contacts with links to the police and other council departments need to be put in place so that local residents have an immediate and personal contact to report to.

- **450** public toilet
- **451** The police are almost non-existent
- 456 Gangs and fly tipping is an issue
- You all know and the police know who are causing the trouble, but the courts keep letting the offenders off to reoffend. Sort it out.
- **520** Encourage more residents to report crime, and instruct officers who receive such reports to take them seriously, and not brush them to one side.
- As burglaries and other types of crime have soared this needs to be reduced so that people can once again begin to feel safe in their own communities and homes.
- A much more visible police presence around the borough or PCSOs. Someone to talk to and not just a voice on the phone.
- 529 Educate a whole new generation to respect adults and teachers, police, parents. Vice versa we respect youth. THEN do the crime ... definitely get the punishment. Go back to basics and punish E V E R Y Crlme. No soft measures.
- 540 If there were more things in the borough for children we wouldn't have this problem. You took Goresbrook leisure centre away to make a school to squeeze more people in the borough and we have no room
- More police on streets Dangerous dog breeds need to be taken seriously by police and council. Breed like Staffordshire bull terrier pit bull should be band. Parks should feel safer and so should the town centre.
- **546** More police and PCSOs
- ASB and crime is huge. The borough is growing but there are no police and ASB is not seem important. Because of this, I am planning to move away. Do you know that there are young ladies that get threatened by young men and sexual verbal abuse is the norm in our borough? I personally know a young, intelligent lady that once she gets of the bus stop, she calls her boyfriend to escort her from the bus stop to the building (which is literally 50-100m away) due to young men causing danger, smoking drugs. Drugs are very rife in our neighbourhood (Academy Central, brand new development!!!). If the crime is not greatly reduced, our neighbourhood will ALWAYS be a second rate, dangerous place to live where people will not be aspired and inspired. You can build as many fancy buildings as you want but if these places are immediately dirty and being full with crime, what is the point of having them? Btw, I am not the only person to plan to leave due to security, crime, drug issues, gang issues.